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## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

It is vitally important for ur economy that we all have equal access to high speed internet. It drives all our businesses and schools, big and small and as consumers we have a right to choose from a variety of companies that provide that service. We cannot have monopolies on broadband! Competition is the heart of American commerce.

Monopolies will cause higher rates making access more difficult for millions of people. Large companies like Comcast and At&T control the speeds we can access, fix pricing and often providing terrible customer service. When you are the only game in town, you don't have to serve your customer base well.

Telecommunication laws have to allow smaller companies access to copper so consumers have a choice in picking their service provider. Small business is what makes America great. Allow all companies equal access to compete!

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